

[Service Date February 19, 2009]

February 18, 2009

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF FILING

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d.b.a. Embarq and Embarq Communications, Docket UT-082119*

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has received a letter from the Attorney General of Washington, Public Counsel, dated February 13, 2009, indicating that “the non-company parties ... agree it would be more productive to postpone the initial settlement conference ... for a later date.” Public Counsel indicates that Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. have been consulted and do not object. The parties, according to Public Counsel, will work to reschedule the initial settlement conference and notify the Commission when the parties have agreed to a new date.

Settlement conferences are not public meetings and are attended only by the parties. Therefore, no Commission action need be taken when the conferences are rescheduled. However, the Commission appreciates being apprised of the modification to the schedule.

Further, as Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander will be presiding with Judge Dennis J. Moss, the parties are directed to include Judge Friedlander in all electronic mail correspondence. Judge Friedlander’s email address is mfriedla@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge